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DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since many of the elementary schools are clustered together—Board schools, aided schools and other schools—will the Government institute an enquiry and redistribute them in such a way as to make them convenient to the public? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think, Sir, this will be one of the matters which the Committee, we have appointed, will go into."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஜில்லா போர்டு நிர்வாகத்தை ஸ்பெஷல் ஆபீஸர்களிடம் ஒப்புவிக்கவேண்டுமென்ற மசோதா சட்ட சபையில் விவாதிக்கப்பட்ட பொழுது, கனம் ராஜாஜி அவர்கள் ' ஜில்லா போர்டினால் நடத்தப்படும் எந்தப் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தையும் நாங்கள் மூடமாட்டோம் ' என்று வாக்குறுதி கொடுத்தார்கள். இதற்கு முறணாகையில்லையா அங்கேயுள்ள ஸ்பெஷல் ஆபீஸரின் நடத்தை ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" புதிய கல்வி முறை அமலில் வந்த காரணத்தினாலே எந்தப் பள்ளிக்கூடமும் மூடப்படமாட்டாது என்ற வாக்குறுதிதான் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதேயொழிய, போதுமான பையன்கள் இல்லாமலிருந்தால் பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள் மூடப்படமாட்டாது என்ற உறுதிமொழி கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" How many of the schools closed were afterwards given to private individuals for management? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Construction of a road bridge over the Pennar river near Villupuram.

* 598 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation, surveying and estimates for the proposed construction of a road bridge over the Pennar river near Villupuram on the Madras-Tiruchirappalli Trunk Road have been completed ;

(*b*) whether the proposed construction has been included in any of the Five-Year Plans ; and

(*c*) if so, in which of them?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) In the Current Five-Year Programme for the development of National Highway, Sir, this reply was drafted in December last, on the 15th or so. For the information of hon. Members, I wish to state that since then much progress has been made and actually the foundation stone is to be laid on the 13th of this month by the Hon. the Minister for Finance."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Has any allocation of expenditure been made in this connection between the Central Government and the State Government and if so, what share are this Government to bear? "

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" This is a national highway and the grant is from the Central Government."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" அஸ்திவாரக்கல் நாட்டுவதற்காக கனம் நிதி மந்திரி ஸ்ரீ சுப்பிரமணியம் வருவார் என்று கனம் மராமத்து இலாகா மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் கைராசிக்காரரா என்று கேட்கிறேன்." (சிரிப்பு.)

Implementation of the award of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, by the Cheruvannoor Match Works.

* 599 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the **Hon.** the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the Government have not so far taken steps to implement the award of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, given in the year 1952 in regard to the workers in the Cheruvannoor Match Works, Cheruvannoor, Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It has been reported that the Management have implemented the awards of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I wish to submit that the information given by the Hon. the Minister is not correct. Even now the Management has not implemented the award. May I request the Hon. the Minister to make an enquiry into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The information I have is that the Management has implemented the awards in these two cases. If the hon. Member would write to me specifically about this, I shall further look into the matter."

Abolition of the City Improvement Trust.

* 600 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for the proposal to abolish the City Improvement Trust and to transfer its powers and functions to the Corporation of Madras ;

(*b*) the views of the Corporation in regard to the proposal ; and

(*c*) whether, in making the proposal to transfer the Trust's work to the Corporation of Madras, the Government have taken into consideration the additional administrative duties to the Commissioner thereby?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The City Improvement Trust is not proposed to be abolished.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The questions do not arise."